

## ABOUT PEOPLE AND THINGS

### CURRENT COMMENT ABOUT PEOPLE AND THE THINGS THEY ARE DOING HERE.

Work on the water extensions is progressing nicely according to Contractor Backers. While the weather is nice from 600 to 1,000 feet of mains is being laid daily. The force is at work at the west end of Third street and will gradually work toward the south end of the city. Digging and laying are being done as they go along so that it is not possible to work a large force of men.

E. H. Hoppert, horticulturist of the extension service of the University of Nebraska will be in Lincoln county the last of this week conferring with County Agent Kellogg and looking after the horticultural interests of the county. He will give a demonstration at the M. H. Woodman orchard at 13 a. m. on Thursday and at the Roy Spurrier orchard at 3 p. m. the same day. Anyone interested in fruit culture no matter on how small a scale, is invited to meet him at the office of the county agent.

Meetings are being held from time to time in the various communities south of the river for discussion of the irrigation proposition. At these meetings the plan is presented and the men interested give their support or objections. The government asks \$5,000 be appropriated by the people of Lincoln county and an equal sum will be appropriated by the federal government. This money will be used to complete a survey which is to be made by the experts of the federal government. After discussing various plans it was decided to ask for 12 1/2 cents an acre on irrigable land which would come under the ditch. This will require that approval be signed up by owners of 28,000 acres. Work of securing these signers has started and is satisfactory at present. It has been estimated that there are 41,000 acres under this project. Some opposition has developed but some which was expected has not shown up and the leaders are encouraged with the outlook.

In 1860 W. H. Russell of the firm of Majors, Russell & Waddell started the Pony Express. This service was a part of the mail line between New York and San Francisco. The route through Lincoln county followed the south bank of the Platte river along what was then known as the Overland route. A man on horseback with twenty pounds of mail might have been seen dashing along this route just south of the river stopping for a change of horses at regular stations. These were placed every nine to fifteen miles. Upon arriving at a station the rider dismounted and passed his mail sack to another rider who was ready and who whirled away to the next station. These riders were paid \$1,200 a month but suffered untold hardships and danger from Indians. The pony express was maintained for about eighteen months when it was discontinued because of the opening of the telegraph line across the country. The service was daily and the original charge for each half ounce letter was five dollars. Buffalo Bill was a pony express rider between points further west where he has been known to cover 322 miles without rest at the rate of not less than fifteen miles an hour. It is doubtful if the men and horses could be found today who would have the strength and endurance to take the pace and keep it day after day which these pioneer riders took through Lincoln county during 1860 and 61.

### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Harry Harding and son, Jack, left Saturday for Omaha.  
Earl Stamp went to Omaha Saturday to transact business.  
Mrs. Charles Leypoldt of Hershey shopped in the city Friday.  
Charles Hirsch returned to Lincoln Sunday after spending Thanksgiving vacation with his parents.  
C. F. Temple, The Travelers Man  
Frank Eshelman of Hershey transacted business in the city Friday.  
John Burke returned to Lincoln Sunday after spending Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. L. J. Krause.  
Mrs. John Baker and daughter Jessie spent Saturday in Kearney.  
Clyde Hutton of Kearney transacted business in the city Saturday.  
Guy S. Popejoy of Denver is transacting business in the city this week.  
Miss Lottie Hughsmoller of Kearney spent the week end in the city.  
Donald Yost left Saturday for Kearney to attend the Hi-Y council.  
Mrs. C. V. Turpie of Denver came Friday to spend a few days in the city.  
Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Eyerley of Hershey visited relatives in the city Friday.

James Smithers and Clyde Cumming transacted business in Wellfleet Saturday.  
Miss Betty Turpie arrived Sunday from Denver to visit friends in the city for a few days.  
Alfred James returned to his home in Northport Sunday after visiting his mother, Mrs. Jane James.  
W. S. Law who has been employed as chief night dispatcher for the Union Pacific left Friday for Denver.  
Raalph Hilyer of Ogallala spent Thanksgiving in the city with friends and returned to his home Saturday.  
Mrs. Sadie Wilson returned to her home in Lajunta, Colo., Sunday after visiting her mother, Mrs. Jane James.  
Dr. H. L. Hooper returned to his home in Lewellen Saturday, after spending Thanksgiving in the city.  
Fred Marti accompanied his daughters, Marjory and Hazel to Sidney Sunday where they attend the convent.

Miss Olive Mars returned to her home in Gothenburg Saturday after visiting at the home of Mrs. E. W. Fetter.  
Raymond Ogier and Robert Stole of Paxton returned to Lincoln Saturday after spending Thanksgiving in the city.

Loren Hastings returned to Lincoln Sunday after spending Thanksgiving with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hastings.

Miss Henken returned to her home in Chicago Sunday after having charge of the millinery department in the Leader.  
Mrs. Harry Harkin underwent an operation at the General Hospital Tuesday and is reported to be getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Wynan will leave soon for California to visit their daughter. They will spend several months there.

Miss Gladys Zimmer returned to her home in Sidney Sunday, after spending Thanksgiving holidays at the W. H. LeDioy home.

Mrs. L. L. Hutchinson returned to her home in Republican City Sunday after visiting her mother, Mrs. Jane James, and brother, Elmer James.

Noel Gordon, Chas. Coker and Chas. Perkins of Sutherland were among those attending the Yeoman hard time social held at the K. C. Hall Thursday evening.

Chester Cumming returned to Chicago Saturday where he attends Armour School of Technology after spending Thanksgiving with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cummings.

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## WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

### INTERESTING ITEMS FROM EXCHANGES WHICH REACH OUR DESK.

The Hershey Times says work will begin at once on the transmission line west of North Platte. Word was received here Monday that work would begin on the Brady-Maxwell transmission line about the first of next August—yes August, but we hope there is some mistake.—Brady Vindicator.

There has been several cases of hog cholera south of Wallace within the past month. Charles Clemmens has lost 25 or 30 head and called Dr. Pritchard over from North Platte to vaccinate. George Thomas advises that he lost 24 head but that the veterinary from Grant was at loss to name the disease. He said it acted something similar to cholera but was not the genuine cholera.

### A SUGGESTION

In building a new home for our county officials, Lincoln county could have set a precedent that would have stood out as a shining example of thrift and economy, and have put an end to our tax payers paying for gilded domes, tiled floors, marble walls and winding stairways.

In building for prosperity from now on, the big slogan seems to be to eliminate luxury.

Under this head we take up the suggestion that we could have a home for every county official where their business could be transacted in as efficient and business like manner as in a building like that which will, or is now in course of construction, and at the same time be making a reasonable return to our county.

Why would it not have been the sensible thing for our county commissioners to have erected a row of two story business buildings the entire length of the court house square on the east side? This block is 300 feet long. This would have made six splendid 50 foot business rooms on the ground floor, and by making the building 150 feet deep this would give approximately 4,500 feet of floor space for office rooms, on the second floor for county officials, court room, vaults, etc. If necessary a third story could be added on part of the block for the court room.

Thus the county would have for rental for stores and business houses six good business locations which would probably rent for \$10,000 per year—a neat return.

True, this would be a precedent, but during these times precedents are not uncommon. Economy is the big word.

A taxpayer walking into a marble palace with gilded walls and gilded dome to pay his taxes, often wonders if these luxuries are necessary, and as things stand he is the one to pay.

By making a business proposition out of it as outlined above he would become interested immediately, and would undoubtedly sanction a greater first outlay, knowing there would be returns coming into the county coffers monthly, where under the present system there are no returns but all out go.

Think it over. Don't you think it would have been a business proposition? County (public) business is the same as individual business—wouldn't an individual give a proposition of this kind considerable thought before he started building?—Hershey Times.

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### ELKS ENTERTAIN AT THANKSGIVING PARTY FRIDAY EVENING.

Members of the Elk Club and their ladies and the football team and the students home from the University, as guests of the Elks, enjoyed a dancing party in the ball room of the Elk's Club Friday evening. Music was furnished by the Imperial Five Orchestra. At midnight a delicious luncheon was served.

### Relation Between Telephone Rates and Present Price Levels

Reiterating the principle that a public utility "shall at all times earn a fair return on a fair value of the property devoted to the public service, no more and no less," the Nebraska State Railroad Commission, in a recent order approving the rates of one of the larger telephone companies in the state, discussed the relation between public utility rates and price levels for other commodities.

The commission's decision affords an interesting contribution to the discussion as to why telephone companies in some states are compelled to increase rates at this time.

On this point the commission says: "Practically all private business reached peak selling prices at least one hundred and fifty per cent. in excess of pre-war selling prices, this high level apparently having been made necessary by the costs of doing business. Regulation did not permit any such increase in selling prices of what they had to offer to sell by such public utilities as applicant. The average increase in gross selling price permitted by this commission to this company on exchange service, was including the surcharge, only twenty-eight per cent." The order refers to the findings of the Federal Bureau of Labor at Washington, based upon recent reports as to

### CITY AND COUNTY NEWS.

Mrs. Hinhinke left Sunday for Chicago.

Mrs. J. C. Dean left Sunday for Los Angeles to visit her parents.

Miss Gladys Stegall spent Thanksgiving in Hershey with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Stuart returned the latter part of the week from Denver where they spent Thanksgiving.

Rev. Franklin Koch returned Saturday from Kearney where he delivered an address at a banquet Friday evening.

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Mrs. Chas. Bogue and daughter Emma returned Friday from Wichita, Kans. where they visited at the home of Mrs. Bogue's parents.

Cleave McMullen of Omaha transacted business in the city Saturday. Mrs. A. D. Swanson of Cheyenne is a guest at the home of her aunt Mrs. Maude Bryant.

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